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Fill 'er up

Incentive flights offer
eye-opening experience



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Gen. Foglesong lauds USAFE airmen

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander

We can be incredibly proud of USAFE's accomplishments over the last six months. Chief Coleman and I are inspired by the intense mission focus and boundless enthusiasm demonstrated throughout the command, and we are encouraged by the progress at all levels.

At the strategic level, we focused on several major endeavors: development of a strategy for U.S. Air Forces in Europe for the next decade, reorganization of USAFE HQ, our theater engagement plan, and a measurement system to track our progress. The progress we make today is shaping how we'll fight tomorrow. USAFE's strategic presence and unparalleled readiness are key enablers for our nation, and the thrust behind our Air Force strategy for Europe. Based on national, joint, and USAF strategies and visions, our new strategic plan centers on four primary principles: our ability to influence global actions; readiness; theater engagement; and our ability to retain a leadership role in NATO. Our efforts embody these principles and ensure our forces are ready to meet the challenges of the future. We reorganized USAFE HQ by divesting it of those non-management HQ functions that had been attached — some 1,000 personnel / functions realigned from the strategic level to either the operational level or tactical level. We also identified those functions that could be streamlined by using reach-back to CONUS services, resulting in a significant number of functions migrating back to parent commands or HQ Air Force. These actions permit our HQ to more clearly focus on its mission — to provide policy, oversight, and evaluations on command units.

As part of the reorganization, we converted our headquarters to an A-Staff. This structure more clearly aligns with our parent command — EUCOM, our subordinate warfighting headquarters — Air Forces Europe, and our sister services. This realignment postures us to function as a warfighting headquarters and permits cleaner lines of communication across the spectrum of functions accomplished by USAFE Headquarters.

While squaring away HQ, we established and formalized our theater engagement plan to support CDRUSEUCOM's vision of US military interaction with our allies and coalition partners. Execution of the plan resulted in USAFE/USAF assets visiting or operating in over 20 countries regarding several areas of interest for our air forces — safety, medical, operations, logistics, etc. An important part of this plan was the development of four engagement teams that are regionally focused and tailored to the appropriate topics of interest for the Air Forces of a particular region.

Lastly in the strategic realm, we developed and implemented a measurement system to determine whether USAFE is meeting its goals. This measurement system covers the spectrum of important functions within the command — readiness, quality of life, morale, and welfare. Each month we review our Combat and Special Interest Program metrics and some 23 other key indicators, covering everything from medical performance factors to mission capable rates. This system provides valuable insight into the health of the command and progress towards our goals.

We were equally as engaged at the operational level, as we made progress with our warfighting HQ, situational awareness, strategic footprint, and operational evaluation construct. We planned for, stood up, and certified a 24/7 warfighting headquarters. Called Air Forces Europe, or AFEUR, its mission is to provide theater planning, sustainment, and execution in the Global War on Terrorism, contingencies, and



Photo by Airman 1st Class Dallas Edwards

Airman 1st Class Christopher Cook, 39th Maintenance Squadron crew chief TDY here from Charleston Air Force Base, N.C., marshalls in a C-130 on the flightline Wednesday.

daily operations. As all of this was accomplished, over 550 USAFE HQ personnel were ear-tagged, and are in the process of being trained, to perform as part of a wartime construct for AFEUR. Eventually, AFEUR will assume the role and responsibilities currently performed by our Numbered Air Forces.

Situational awareness is a key aspect of AFEUR's mission. We improved operational SA across the command by giving our flying units the appropriate mechanisms to receive command-wide data relative to Air Tasking Order / asset utilization. In addition to providing USAFE this "Big ATO", we improved interoperability between the AFEUR Air and Space Operations Center and NATO. We dramatically increased our SA with access to key NATO C2 systems, including NATO's Recognized Air Picture and ATO generation tool.

On another front, USAFE reinforced the strategic footprint of the USAF's long-reach enablers by redistributing the leadership and C2 at RAF Fairford and Moron AB. These bases have been, and continue to be, very important in every recent contingency. Improving the C2 and

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robusting the leadership has had a direct impact at the operational level on the fight as these bases contribute to the broad operations in and across the EUCOM AOR.

As a final point, we conceived, developed, and implemented a no-notice operational evaluation construct to measure and critique the readiness of units across the command for events associated with GWoT. Called Euro Thunder, this initiative provides immediate feedback to commanders about unit tactical and operational readiness to counter events relevant to terrorist attacks.

At the tactical level, we provided significant capabilities to several contingency operations, transitioned our aeromedical evacuation mission, established USAFE University, and made noteworthy progress on several key mission enablers. In the last six months alone, we flew over 2,100 combat sorties totaling over 9,300 combat hours in support of OIF/OEF, JTF Liberia, and Balkans operations. We provided an aeromedical evacuation capability that moved over 5,200 OEF/OIF patients out of CENTCOM, and transported patients all over Europe. Our tactical airlift, tankers, fighters, and airmen, delivered airpower and services whenever, wherever needed.

Seamless to our contingency operations, in September of 2003 we successfully transitioned AE from a single-role airframe, the C-9 Nightingale, to the use of multi-role air-



Senior Airman Benjamin Laguana, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel hydrants operator, samples a refueling truck separator.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Dallas Edwards

Senior Airman Andrew Clayton, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron supply technician, spruces up a hangar Wednesday while on a Combat Proud detail.

frames. Within EUCOM our C-21s successfully took over 24/7 alert coverage for intra-theater movement of emergent patients. We accomplished other AE missions via a combination of C-21s, C-130s, opportune airlift, civilian air ambulances, and creative solutions. Creative solutions also helped us make remarkable progress with our Combat and Special Interest Programs, and other efforts. Results clearly indicate the command is focused and energized on key mission enablers: readiness, force development, services, and quality of life.

Four programs contributed to improvements in our readiness. As an example, Combat Flightline reduced the number of maintenance personnel working outside of their core duties by returning almost 40 airmen back to maintenance production, in addition to other flightline initiatives. USAFE HQ's generals, colonels, and chiefs (and selects) were among the first in the command to taxi to the test ramp under our new AF Fitness testing guidelines. Thanks to Combat Fitness, they set the standard with an average score of 86 percent. Combat Care is gaining momentum to improve the care, attention, and information flow to spouses and family members affected by deployments, and to personnel deployed to USAFE. Lastly, we just initiated Project SMART (Smartly Managing Awareness, Risk, and Threats) to embed a safety culture and to help us manage our awareness of risk, actively combat the threats we face, and act smartly when we see some-

thing that needs to be fixed.

Improving services, like readiness, is more than just an enabler — it's one of USAFE's three primary goals. Our progress in this area is significant and far reaching. Over 700 targeted service professionals graduated from Customer College since its inception. The seeds are planted and improved customer service is already noticeable throughout the command. Combat Education initiatives are removing barriers to education — throughout USAFE nearly 50 percent of all college courses are now taught during non-standard times, and nearly 15 percent of all classes are offered outside traditional classroom locations. Project Wizard helped our libraries reach out to stock reading materials you desire, redirect their programs, and improve their services. We have over 2,500 registered volunteers with Hidden Heroes who logged in over 14,000 hours of service. Combat Intro/Exit streamlined requirements to minimize PCS stress and frustration. We reduced the number of inprocessing stops to three at all USAFE bases — down from as many as 15 stops at some locations. We are also on line with Virtual Outprocessing, which reduced the number of required outprocessing stops to an average of five per base. Finally, we responded to the need to improve the process for obtaining a US Forces Driver's License in Germany. We engaged USAREUR to revise

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the driver license test, simplify study materials, and improve testing procedures — they responded. While all of this gets ironed out, commanders may now grant PCSing service members a waiver letter, allowing them to obtain a 30-day temporary license to ease in-processing and house hunting.

We are moving forward with two force development programs to provide professional growth via hands-on experience and one-on-one mentorship. All USAFE main operating bases executed daily Combat Nighthawk sorties, and we're on track to reach 15 percent of the command's CGOs and 15 percent of our Senior NCOs each quarter — breaking them out of their functional stovepipes to learn about unfamiliar elements of Air Force operations. Project Connect is our newest program designed to provide a forum for senior officer mentors to counsel and enhance the individual professional development of junior officer protégés on a one-on-one basis.

Also in the spirit of force development, we created USAFE University — a first-of-its-kind entity chartered to oversee all education and training programs and processes within the command — encompassing over 550 courses. A Board of Trustees, composed of HQ USAFE Directors, will advise the University President on command-level education and training issues. The Director of Personnel and Command Chief Master Sergeant will serve as Vice Presidents, and the Provost, the Chief of Education and Training, will be our belly button for all education and training issues within the command.

On a final note, we enhanced quality of life in numerous areas. Project CHEER provided 455 high-energy events serving over 46,000 airmen throughout the command during November and December alone. The Power Plant Project is a maturing initiative designed by airmen, for airmen. This concept is a welcomed opportunity for our younger airmen throughout the command to get involved and help establish facilities with programs and activities they want. Under Combat Touch, our Chaplains initiated over 67 programs, including 13



Tech. Sgt. Ronald Rel Jr., 385th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron structural maintenance technician, performs routine maintenance on a KC-135. The unit is deployed from the 939th Air Refueling Wing in Portland, Oregon.

new flightline / work center offices / prayer spaces, and two coffee houses to reach the troops. Combat Proud changed the way we look at things and strengthened our commitment to improve our command's appearance. While hard to quantify, it is easy to notice progress. Keep it up — outstanding achievement in facility pride-in-ownership will be recognized with cash awards during our upcoming Combat Proud competitions.

Chief Coleman and I ask that you stay engaged in these programs . . . they are based on enduring principles and help us stay energized and focused on increasing readiness, taking care of our people, and accomplishing the mission in an organized and effective way.

Considering what we accomplished together in just the past 200 days, it is easy to understand why our enemies lose sleep at night.



IN
BRIEF

Patriot Express cancellation

Air Mobility Command officials temporarily cancelled several Patriot Express missions between the United States and Europe to use those aircraft to fill requirements for the massive Southwest Asia rotation of forces. March will bring the cancellation of five missions March 1 through 14 from Atlanta and BWI to Rhein-Main, Mildenhall and Aviano, and return. As a result, Patriot Express missions for Incirlik are cancelled Sunday, March 7 and 14. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ruben Villarreal, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron passenger travel NCO in charge, at 6-6520.

Pharmacy hours

Pharmacy hours may be intermittent due to training exercises Monday through Friday. People may experience delays. For more information, call 6-6581.

New school policy

A new policy letter, Parental Involvement and Volunteer Programs for Education, states that the official duty site for military parents and guardians is at the school during parent teacher conferences and school meetings. It also encourages volunteerism from people and organizations. For more information, go to the Source and view policy number 32.

Re-enlistment window

Air Force personnel officials are changing the re-enlistment eligibility window beginning March 5. The new policy requires active-duty airmen to re-enlist within three months of their term of service expiring, a change from the 12-month window currently in effect. For more information, call military personnel flight re-enlistments at Staff Sgt. Joyce Shephard, NCO in charge of re-enlistments and extensions, at 6-5080.

School construction

Contractors are building an antiterrorism and force protection wall at the school. People should drive cautiously through the school parking lot, especially in the morning. For more information, call Vernon Reddick, 39th Air Base Group schools military liaison officer, at 6-3750 or 6-3043.



Project Wizard, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe special interest program, focuses on the opportunities to study and explore through libraries. For more information about the program or upcoming events, call the library at 6-6759.

Incirlik airman found guilty of assault

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

A base airman was sentenced to five months confinement, forfeiture of \$795 pay per month for five months and a reduction to airman basic after being convicted of several crimes during Incirlik's first court martial since 2002.

Airman Basic Lionel Young, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron, chose to be tried by a jury of officer and enlisted members, who found him guilty of assault consummated by battery, assault of a child younger than age 16 and failure to obey a no contact order.

Most of the charges arose out of events that occurred in Kizkalesi during the Labor Day weekend.

Airman Young traveled to Kizkalesi with an airman from the 39th Medical Squadron and her daughter on a weekend bus tour. During her testimony, the 39th MDS airman said Airman Young drank during the trip to the beach. Once they arrived, she said Airman Young became increasingly agitated when she and her daughter were hanging out with friends on the beach.

"He was getting aggravated ... I didn't want my co-workers to hear," the 39th MDS airman said on the stand. "He told me I was spending too much time with my co-workers. I got my stuff and went back to the hotel. He followed us back to the room."

The airman said Airman Young "pushed his way" into the room, and after yelling and cursing at her, he hit her in the face repeatedly, grabbing her daughter in the process.

She said he held her and her daughter in the bathroom until Turkish people started banging on the door.

Using several co-workers and supervisors, the defense portrayed Airman Young as a good worker for whom the incident was completely out of character.

Government attorneys claimed this wasn't the case.

"The defense would have us think that we are dealing with a case of Jekyll and Hyde ...," said Capt. Arthur Ayo-Aghimien, 39th Air Base Group Legal Office assistant staff judge advocate, during his court speech. "You should be appalled and outraged at the behavior of this airman. He bashed in the face of another fellow airman. He broke the individual's nose."

Although the prosecution pushed for a charge of assault with a means or use of force that could likely produce death, jury members opted for the lesser assault offense and found Airman Young not guilty of two counts of kidnapping and one count of obstruction of justice.

"Clearly, the jury was able to see that crimes as heinous as kidnapping and assault with a means or force likely to cause death were not committed by the accused," said Capt. Julie Jiru, Area Defense Counsel. "We also applaud the jury for being able to recognize that obstruction of justice did not occur in this case."

The jury was simply trying to decide by the facts, said Senior Master Sgt. Don Dufner, 39th Air Base Group Manpower and Organization Office chief and jury member.

"We had Airman Young's career in our hands," he said. "We didn't want to ruin him for life with a bad conduct discharge. In my opinion, justice was served."

Incentive flights reward troops for job well done

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

For a select few, incentive flights are a unique way to step outside one's daily duties and experience air and space superiority up close and personal from the cockpit of a refueler.

The 190th Air Refueling Wing, at Forbes Field, in Topeka, Kansas, the current Air National Guard rotational tankers flying KC-135s supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, offer incentive rides to military members when mission allows, according to 1st Lt. Christopher Hill, 190th Air Refueling Wing public affairs officer.

Incentive flights usually last from three to four hours and participants typically get a guided tour from the boom operator. The boom operator takes care of the cargo area and guides the boom to refuel receiving aircraft.

It's the ultimate 2-foot-wide window seat overlooking a \$39.6 million Stratotanker that refuels some of America's fastest fighters and heavy aircraft, according to Lieutenant Hill.

For Staff Sgt. Marcos Saiz, 39th Communications Squadron network infrastructure technician, who ensures base workers have access to e-mail and the Internet, it was an eye-opening experience.

"We don't even have windows in our of-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joseph Thompson

Air National Guard units at Incirlik offer incentive rides like this one to military members when mission allows.

fice," Sergeant Saiz jokingly said.

"I think the (incentive flight) program is an excellent way to reward people for a job well done," Sergeant Saiz said. "It also opened my eyes to what the mission of the tankers is here at Incirlik."

During his incentive flight, the crew refueled a C-17, which was literally a world away from Sergeant Saiz's normal duty day.

"It was strange because the other airplane is pretty big, and it was really close. You're not

used to seeing another airplane that close to the plane you're in.

According to Sergeant Saiz, the closeness of the planes brings home the seriousness of the technology the crew handles daily, and how the KC-135 extends the battlefield through replenishing fuel supplies.

"I enjoyed watching it," he said. "You always hear about it (refueling missions), but you never get to see what they're doing or meet the people that are flying. It was really interesting."

The incentive flights are also a way to show airmen how they fit into the mission, Lieutenant Hill said.

Without Sergeant Saiz, the tanker crew wouldn't have Internet or e-mail capability to perform their daily work functions. Without them, Sergeant Saiz wouldn't have protection from terrorists residing in Southwest Asia, after the 190 ARW crew provides gas for fighters to patrol the skies and tankers to shuttle in troops and gear.

Plus, incentive flight participants get a break in their daily routine.

"It's a great way for supervisors to give their troops an experience, basically a 'thanks for a great job,'" Lieutenant Hill said.

For more information or to set up an incentive flight, call tanker operations with an incentive flight request at 6-3656.

No guts, no glory

Fitness center incentive programs inspire people to work out

By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

The next time you step off the treadmill, get off the bike or finish that last set of sit ups, take a moment to record it on an incentive program index card at the fitness center.

Fitness center incentive programs reward people for persistence in their exercise efforts.

"Incentive programs give people initiative to keep working out," said Senior Airman Sarah Kuckovic, 39th Services Squadron fitness specialist. "When their motivation is lagging, these programs give them something to look forward to."

The fitness center offers incentive programs that cater to both cardio and weight-training interests: Trotter's and Strider's club, Rider's club, Aerobics club, Half-A-Nile Rowing club, Blood and Guts club, Push Ups and Sit Ups club, and the Push Ups and Sit Ups one-minute challenge. The programs offer participants T-shirts, windbreakers or sweat suits for meeting designated standards. The Rider's club, for example, offers a T-shirt for biking 1,000 miles.

One participant, Master Sgt. Anthony Dupree, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron mobility operations superintendent, appreciates the set standards that the programs offer.

"The programs challenge you because you're always trying to reach the next highest standard," said Sergeant Dupree, who was awarded T-shirts in the Blood and Guts club and Push Up and Sit Up challenge.

"The programs are great because the fitness staff honors the system and follows through with rewarding accomplishments," he added.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joseph Thompson

1st Lt. Ryan Strong, a KC-135 pilot from the 190th Air Refueling Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard, uses the Smith machine to prepare for a future free weight squat lift for the Blood and Guts Club.

The most popular programs, explained Airman Kuckovic, are the Trotter's and Strider's club, which boasts around 400 participants, and the one-minute push-up and sit-up challenge, which offers a T-shirt for matching the number of sit ups completed in one minute to the number of push ups completed in one minute.

"We have definitely seen a big increase in the number of participants in these programs since the new Air Force fitness standards took effect," she said.

Since military people are required to participate in unit physical training sessions, Airman Kuckovic pointed out that

individuals should take an extra minute to complete an index card provided by the fitness center.

"We encourage people to annotate the number of miles ran or biked because they have to be here anyway, so they might as well get something for it," said Airman Kuckovic.

Last month, the fitness center awarded about 40 T-shirts to program participants. Next month fitness center officials hope to double that number.

For more information about fitness center incentive programs, call the fitness center at 6-6086.



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Rugby — Rugby enthusiasts meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 5 p.m. at the high school sports field. Every-

one is welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

Youth registration — Sign ups for baseball, softball and T-ball registration for ages 5 to 18 run through Feb. 28. Cost is \$30 for youth center members and \$35 for non-members. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, call 6-6670.

Bowling fundraiser — An annual awards committee bowling fundraiser is Thursday at 2 p.m. Register by Wednesday. Cost is \$50 per team. For more information, call Master

Sgt. Benjamin Leal, 39th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant, at 6-3111.

Combat Hapkido — The fitness center sponsors Combat Hapkido Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Combat Hapkido is a self-defense art. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

Belly Dancing classes — The community center offers belly dancing Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 until 7 p.m. Cost is \$35 for eight classes. For more information, call 6-6966.

ACTION
LINE

Col. Bill MacLure
39th Air Base Group Commander

Rain, rain go away

Concern: This is my second time stationed at Incirlik. My family and I were here from November 1997 to November 2001. We moved back here in August 2003. During our previous tour, we lived in the same housing unit that we do now. In 1999, we had our share of headaches with this house, including sewage flooding and water drain overflow up through the laundry room drain during heavy rain. We asked housing if the flooding problem was fixed before we moved back into the same unit. We were assured everything was fixed. Then, in January, our house flooded up through the laundry room drain again. We asked Vinnell, Brown and

Root workers to look into the source of the flooding. We haven't received a status on the work since then or closure on a real fix action. We don't want to move; we want a fix so others don't have to endure the same filth flooding into their home and ruining their property.

Response: Thank you for bringing this to my attention. Base contractors were questioned so they could explain the source of the problem.

Storm sewer systems can become inundated with rainwater during severe storms to the point where the system cannot handle the volume of water it must remove from the area. This water is called surface runoff. The excess surface runoff will find its way to sanitary sewer manholes that are at lower elevations and fill them up. Also, rainwater that percolates into the ground will seep into the sanitary sewer system through pipe joints. The result of all of this water entering the sanitary sewer system is sewage backup at drains that are at lower elevations relative to the sanitary sewage system manholes.

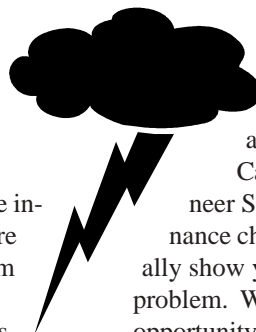
The first time this happened at your home,

base contractors did some earthwork that would route surface run-off away from the sanitary sewer system. The system went through intense storms without any problems. Unfortunately, this latest storm proved otherwise. In an attempt to resolve this problem,

contractors snaked out your sewer line from the clean-out point just at the end of your building and formed a shallow ditch that will redirect any surface run-off away from your premises.

Call John Bufford, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron operations and maintenance chief, at 6-6846, so he can personally show you what was done to correct this problem. We also want to re-offer you the opportunity to move from this housing unit at government expense.

We are investigating the potential for an engineered project to prevent this problem in severe storms. We are also working hard to improve our base facilities through programs like Combat Proud. Housing areas are a key part of this improvement process. People who would like to report an area that needs improvement can call the Combat Proud Hotline at 6-PROUD or e-mail combatproud@Incirlik.af.mil.



Are you your unit's weakest link?

By Lt. Col. Cephas Franklin
14th Communications Squadron commander

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFPN) — The host of the popular television game show "The Weakest Link" puts contestants on the spot by firing question after question at them in a timed round.

The player who best handles the pressure and answers the most questions correctly usually winds up the winner.

Let's play this game under less stressful conditions. I'm going to ask you to answer some simple yes-or-no questions geared toward information technology.

- ♦ Do you have your network or e-mail password written under your keyboard or in an area anyone can easily access?
- ♦ Have you shared your network or e-mail password with anyone?
- ♦ Did you click "yes" when the virus-warning screen popped up on your computer, instead of notifying your computer security manager?
- ♦ Have you shared your new Common Access Card personal identification number with anyone?
- ♦ Have you walked away from your desk while logged into the network without locking your computer?
- ♦ Have you forgotten the name of your system administrator or computer security manager?
- ♦ Have you loaded software on your computer without permission or approval?
- ♦ Have you connected any items to your computer or the network without an OK from the designated approval authority?
- ♦ Have you visited unauthorized Web sites?

Now that you've taken the quiz, here's the secret: If you answered "yes" to any of the questions, you could be the weakest link in your unit's ability to secure its part of the Air Force network enterprise.

The days of base networks being stand-alone and independent of the rest of the Air Force are no more. What you do at your base has an immediate impact on your major command's infrastructure and subsequently the rest of the Air Force.

It is not just the communication squadron's responsibility. Every member of the team plays an important role in protecting this valuable resource.

A breach of network security could influence whether we strike the right target, cause innocent civilians to lose their lives or cause an international incident.

That is where every person comes in. We are the keepers of the gate when it comes to network security. It is our responsibility to understand the policies, know the procedures and know where to go for help when network security issues arise. If we blow it, we have a negative impact on national security, we affect the Air Force's ability to perform its mission and we impact our people.

The next time you change your password, store it in a secure place. The next time your computer becomes infected with a virus, know the procedures and who to contact. When you need software for operational use, ensure the designated approval authority OKs it.

Don't be your unit's weakest link. Make network security a part of the way you conduct business every day.

For more information about network security, see your work group manager. For a list of WGMs, visit the Source at http://source/39CS_SCBNH/WMlist.htm.



ASK MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

Taste of Turkey

Question: What is that octagonal building with a playground next to it in the Turkish housing area across from Phantom Housing?

Response: The building you're referring to is the Tanker Café, which is one of the Turkish social facilities on base. It offers a variety of fast foods, including hamburgers, pizza, toast, fried potatoes and grilled meatballs. With the oven built inside, you can also have lahmacun (Turkish pizza) and pide (flat bread) with cheese, meat or eggs.

The Tanker Café also serves a variety of beverages including fruit juice, beer, tea and coffee. Ice cream is available too.

You can have food and drinks inside or outside. Many families like the Tanker Café because their young children can play at the playground while they enjoy their time eating, drinking and watching their kids.



Fikret Korkunc checks out the fresh bread while shopping at the Kantin, a grocery store located next to the Tanker Café.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joseph Thompson

Emin Altuntas hands Faruk Bayar a tray of food for customers at the Tanker Café, which is one of the Turkish social facilities on base.

The Tanker Café opens daily at 8 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. It is open to everyone on base and both Turkish and American currency are accepted.

The Kantin, a grocery store, is located next to the Tanker Café. All kinds of grocery items, including bottled water, fresh bread, chocolate, crackers, rice, cheese, toothpaste and toilet paper are available. The Manav, green grocer, is adjacent to the Kantin. Fresh fruit and vegetables are available daily. The Kantin and Manav are open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. to the public.

The stand across from the high school sells hamburgers, cold drinks, biscuits, crackers and ice cream, and is open from 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

When you go to a restaurant in the Alley or Adana, you are mostly served kebab-type food. It is difficult to get traditional Turkish food at a restaurant. The Turkish Military Club, Gazino, offers more traditional fare. Many American military and civilian people go there for lunch. It is located on C Street in Building 818.

The Turkish Military Club serves three meals a day. Breakfast is served from 7 to 8.30 a.m., and is a set menu. You can try a typical Turkish breakfast of cheese, olives, honey, butter and eggs with tea, coffee and fruit juice.

Lunch is the favorite meal for many Americans. A fixed menu is served. That menu, which features a typical Turkish dish, changes daily. The menu generally consists of soup, a meat dish, rice and fruit or dessert. Lunch is served from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Since they serve a different food daily, you can taste a different Turkish food every day.

Dinner is served from 6 to 9 p.m., and is not a fixed menu. You can order various kebabs, lahmacun, pide, soup, salad and fruit or dessert. The bar at the club is also open in the evenings until 11 p.m. You can have dinner in the garden adjacent to the club as well as inside in the spring and summer.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE



Saturday

Men's Bible study — A men's Bible study, "Power of a Praying Husband" meets Saturday and Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. in the consolidated club complex's Low Places. For more information, call Brian Meeker, Bible study coordinator, at 6-5661.

Catholic women's retreat — A Catholic Women's retreat is at 9 a.m. at the Crossroads Café. For more information or to sign up, call 6-5267 or 6-3890.

Eagle Scouts — Cub Scout Pack 345 sponsors its annual Blue and Gold banquet Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. For reservations or to volunteer to be a guest speaker, call 6-2277 by Tuesday.

Teen night — The youth center sponsors a teen frito pie and movie night from 7 to 11 p.m. Free for center members; \$3 for non-members. For more information, call 6-6670.

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday — Ash Wednesday mass is from 12:10 and 6 p.m. For more information, call 6-3890.

Home buying — The family support center offers a home buying class from 11 a.m. to noon. The class covers buying versus renting, mortgages, finding a suitable home and evaluating personal affordability. For more information, call 6-6755.

Thursday

Toastmasters — Toastmasters International meets the first and third Thursday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the consolidated club complex Piper Room. For more information, call

Staff Sgt. Sheris Poisson, Toastmasters vice president, at 6-6954.

Friday

Stations of the Cross — Stations of the Cross takes place Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the chapel sanctuary. A soup social will follow. For more information, call 6-3890 or the chapel at 6-6441.

Ongoing

Boy Scout volunteers — Boy Scout Troop 218 seeks a scoutmaster, assistant scoutmasters and other volunteers. For more information, call Luke Dechant, troop committee chairman, at 6-5527 or e-mail lucas.dechant@incirlik.af.mil.

Language classes — The community center offers both conversational English and conversational Turkish classes from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 for four classes. For more information, call 6-6966.

Thrift Shop donations — The thrift shop welcomes donations and consignments during operating hours, which are Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are tax deductible. For more information, call 6-6247.

Elementary cookbook — The elementary school parent teacher organization is publishing a cookbook to raise funds for the school. People can submit recipes by e-mailing incirlikcookbook@excite.com. For more information, call Robin Crowe, PTO publicity chairperson, at 6-2471.

Upcoming

Combined chapel service — The chapel offers a combined Protestant service Feb. 29 at 11:15 a.m. in the base chapel. For more information, call 6-6441.

Black History Month extravaganza — A Black History Month extravaganza is Feb. 28 at the consolidated club complex. For more

information, call 6-3501.

X-Box zone tourney — The community activities center offers an X-Box Zone tournament Feb. 28 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6966.

Annual awards banquet — Team Incirlik's annual awards banquet is March 11 at 6 p.m. in the consolidated club complex Turan Ballroom. Dress is semi-formal or mess dress for military people and semi-formal for civilians. Prices start at \$15. For reservations, call Senior Master Sgt. James Robertson, 39th Security Forces

Squadron first sergeant, at 6-8310 or e-mail james.robertson@incirlik.af.mil before March 1.

Flower arranging — The skills development center offers an Easter floral decoration class March 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 6-3858.

Smoking cessation — The health and wellness center offers a smoking cessation class every Wednesday for four weeks starting March 3. People can either attend at noon or 6 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 6-4292.

COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS



Today

Combat CARE coffee time — The family support center sponsors a return and reunion coffee for recently separated family members from 2 to 4 p.m. at the chapel's small conference room. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Friday

Combat Touch Mexican night — The Company Grade Officer Council sponsors a Mexican food night from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Crossroads Café. For more information, call the chapel at 6-6441.

Saturday

Combat Touch potato night — The Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsor a baked potato night from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Crossroads Café. For more information, call the chapel at 6-6441.

Ongoing

Hidden Heroes volunteers

— The Hidden Heroes office seeks volunteers. For more information or to view a list of volunteer opportunities, call 6-6755.

Combat CARE car care — The family support center is giving away vouchers for free minor car maintenance to family members of deployed servicemembers. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Upcoming

Project CHEER X-Box championship — The community center seeks participants for the live U.S. Air Forces in Europe X-Box championship March 4. People can blast opponents throughout the world. For more information, call 6-6966.

Project CHEER chess tourney — The community center sponsors a chess tournament Feb. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person. Winner takes cash. For more information, call 6-6966.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Kadir Turkes, 39th Contracting Squadron government purchase card program manager

everything ... this is part of my country."

How do you contribute to the air base group's mission? "I manage the government purchase card program, which enables my customers to purchase goods and services needed in support of the mission."

What's your favorite motto and why? "To teach is to learn. Education and training are beneficial to everyone. I also learn a lot while I'm teaching."

Supervisor's quote: "Kadir is the cornerstone of the GPC program," said 1st Lt. Dennis Clements, 39th Contracting Squadron plans and programs flight commander. "He provides knowledge, experience and continuity to the flight, squadron and group. Through dedication and commitment to duty, his management of the GPC program enables more than \$10 million a year to be purchased by customers in support of the mission."

Time on station: 22 years

Hometown: Adana, Turkey

Hobbies: Playing soccer, listening to music and teaching English to Turkish people at the Turkish American Association.

What do you like most about Incirlik? "Ev-



CLASSIFIEDS

For sale: Floor model television, older but in great condition, great for kid's play room or for games, cable ready with input and output jacks. Call Staff Sgt. Smith at 6-6729 or 6-5254.

For sale: Couch, loveseat and recliner, all recline, \$1,000; crib, mattress, sheet set, padding and diaper holder, \$150; Graco car seat (infant, toddler and booster), \$60; wet vacuum carpet cleaner, used four times, \$50; patio set with umbrella, \$100; matching swing with extra cushion covers, \$50; men's bike, \$20; and women's bike, \$50. Call 6-2236.

For sale: Six-piece entertainment center, made at Redwoods, made less than eight months ago, \$1,500 OBO. Call Dave at 6-2372.

For sale: Antique carpets from Kayseri, can't find in the Alley, \$750 each. Call 6-5683.

For sale: Assorted toddler toys, including easel with clip, Legos, trucks, a Sit-n-Spin and stuffed animals; various Tupperware products; couch; and toddler clothes; all in great condition. Call for prices at 6-5191.

For sale: Full-size couch and loveseat, floral print, very comfortable, smoke-free home, \$300 OBO. Call Jeremy or Ashley at 6-5718 (home) or 6-6757 (work).

Wanted: Dependable car, \$1,000 or less. Call Darnell or Antoinette at 6-5904.

Wanted: Outdoor play equipment (slides, plastic structures, swings, etc.). Call Davis or Amy at 6-5285.

Help wanted: Laboratory technicians, clinical microbiology experience, fluent in speaking and reading English, able to perform blood draws, salary is negotiable. Call Meredith at 6-8601 or e-mail meredithjwelsh@hotmail.com.

Help wanted: Certified medical coder at base TRICARE Service Center, provides operational support, including coding audits, analysis and review and oversight of the billing process. For more information or to apply, e-mail cover letter and resume to tricare-jobs@saic.com.

Combat Care is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program designed to improve the care, attention and information flow to spouses and families and create a sense of community among those coping with deployments.

The family support center is looking for volunteers to form a deployed spouse network. For more information or to volunteer, contact Master Sgt. Alicinne Peebles, family support center readiness NCO in charge, at 6-6755.

Combat Care



United States Air Forces in Europe

YOUR TURN



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

What African-American person has affected you, the military or the world?

"My grandfather ... I grew up wanting to be like him because he was in the military (Army). He was my idol."

– **Tech. Sgt. Ronald Miller**, 39th Maintenance Squadron



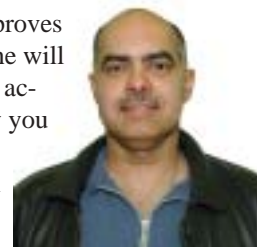
"Rosa Parks ... she is inspirational for having the courage to stand up for what she believed in and making a difference no matter what the consequences."

– **Lisa Robinson**, 39th Mission Support Squadron



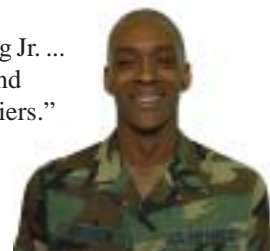
"Colin Powell ... he proves when a person has the will to do a job, it can be accomplished any way you want."

– **Master Sgt. Edwin Quinones**, 108th Air Refueling Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.



"Martin Luther King Jr. ... he opened doors and knocked down barriers."

– **Staff Sgt. Dorian Johnson**, 39th Communications Squadron



"Michael Jordan ... athletes are good role models. Plus, I love sports. He's a sports icon and a good entertainer."

– **Maj. Jacob Noordzij**, 48th Medical Operations Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England





Photo by Airman 1st Class Dallas Edwards



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore

Gimme a break

(Left) Amanda Machen, child development center program assistant, plays with 22-month-old Kaden Fregon (left) and 23-month-old Ty Hodges at the CDC. (Above) Victoria Dockery (center), child development center program assistant, plays with 4-year-old Ch'neu Cha (left) and 3-year-old Touzaj Cha during a Give Parents a Break evening. The CDC offers a child-free evening to parents on a monthly basis, with family advocacy and high priority referrals taking top priority. Parents need to have an Air Force Form 1181 on file with current shot records. For more information about referrals or upcoming Give Parents a Break nights, call the CDC at 6-6553.



AT THE MOVIES

At the Oasis

Today

Looney Tunes: Back in Action (PG) —

Starring Brendan Fraser and Jenna Elfman.



In this mixture of live-action and animation, Bobby will team with Bugs Bunny, Daffy, Tweety, and Taz as they

leave the Warner Bros. back lot in Hollywood for exotic locales such as Africa and Las Vegas, where they search for Bobby's father and the mythical Blue Diamond.

Showing at 7 p.m. (88 minutes)

Saturday

Looney Tunes: Back in Action (PG) —

Showing at 5 p.m.

Tupac: Resurrection (R) — This is the first authorized biopic of the late rapper-actor



Tupac Shakur. It includes

poetry readings, musical clips, and video from his life, including various interviews, private home movies, and previously unreleased concert footage. Showing at

7 p.m. (90 minutes)

Sunday

Timeline (PG-13) — Starring Paul Walker and Frances

O'Connor. In France, professor Johnston, his son Chris, and a team of archaeology students are working



on the ruins of a 14th-century castle. It turns out that the head of the corporation running the dig, Robert Doniger, opened up a worm-hole leading to the 14th century. Showing at 7 p.m. (116 minutes)

Thursday

Tupac: Resurrection (R) — Showing at 7 p.m.

At the M1

Cold Mountain (R) — 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and midnight (155 minutes)

The Last Samurai (R) — 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and midnight (154 minutes)

Out of Time (PG-13) — 11:45 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m. and midnight (114 minutes)

Kill Bill: Volume 1 (R) — 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (110 minutes)

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